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## **Six ounces of crack net a ten-year prison sentence**

A federal judge has sentenced Edward Baez, formerly of Providence, to 121 months in prison for trafficking in about 173 grams of crack cocaine. Providence and Pawtucket Police seized the crack from Baez's car, and from a stash house in Pawtucket in November 2005.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Senior U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed on January 5 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In April, Baez pleaded guilty to two counts of possessing with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of crack cocaine. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adi Goldstein said that the government could prove that, on November 10, 2005, Providence Police stopped Baez's car shortly after he left his home on Glover Street, and seized a pouch containing 53 grams of crack cocaine. Later, Providence and Pawtucket Police went to a stash house that Baez maintained on Kenyon Avenue in Pawtucket, and found an additional 120 grams of crack cocaine. They also seized materials used for cooking cocaine into crack cocaine.

Judge Torres sentenced Baez to one month more than the mandatory minimum sentence set by federal law for trafficking in 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

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